THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) There are 115 Group A posts in Forest Research Institute and Colleges, Dehra Dun besides 99 tenure posts to be manned by officers of the Indian Forest Service and other services.

(b) Out of 115 posts, incumbents of 18 posts have reached the maximum of their scales of pay.

(c) and (d) There are 7 officers who have not been promoted even after 15 years of service.

(e) According to the existing rules, promotions are made on the basis of availability of vacancies in higher grades, often leading to stagnation. To overcome this, a Flexible Complementing Scheme providing for promotion to higher grades based on periodical assessment of merit has been approved for implementation in respect of scientific cadres in the Forest Research Institute & Colleges, Dehra Dun.

संसदीय राजभाषा समिति

242. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वर्तमान में संसदीय राजभाषा समिति का कोई अध्यक्ष नहीं है और न ही पूर्णकालिक सचिव की नियुक्ति की गई है, यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस समिति को न तो यथोचित कार्यालय उपलब्ध कराया गया है और न ही पर्याप्त संख्या में कर्मचारी मुहय्या कराये गये हैं जिस कारण समिति आज तक अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत करने में सक्षम नहीं हो सकी है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास और गृह मंत्री (श्री पी. वी. नरसिंह राव): (क) तथा (ख) श्री एस. बी. चव्हाण द्वारा मार्च 1986 में महाराष्ट्र के मुख्यमंत्री का पद ग्रहण करने के लिए संसदीय राजभाषा समिति के अध्यक्ष पद से त्यागपत्र दिया गया । नये अध्यक्ष की नियुक्ति करने के लिए कार्रवाई प्रारम्भ कर दी गई है । समिति को पूर्णकालिक सचिव की नियुक्त कर दी गई है और उम्मीद है कि वे जल्दी ही कार्यभार संभालेंगे ।

U.S. Military and Economic Aid Package Deal with Pakistan

243. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the latest US military and economic aid package deal with Pakistan to the tune of 4·02 billion dollars for the period 1987—93 which is an increase of 35 per cent over the existing package;

(b) if so, to what extent India's defence expenditure is anticipated to rise as a consequence thereof; and

(c) in what manner Governmen propose to maintain the military balance to meet any eventuality ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEAPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Government are aware of an agreement between the USA and Pakistan under which the former has offered Pakistan a $4·02 billion economic and military aid package for the six-year period from 1987 to 1993. The new package represents an increase of more than 25% over the previous aid package.

(b) and (c) All factors affecting the country's security are taken into account while allocating funds for the countrys's defence.

Foreign Link of Tripura National Volunteers

244. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a link of the under-ground

Tribal National Volunteers of Tripura with Bangladesh authorities as a result of which highly sophisticated foreign made arms have been finding their way to the rebel groups for the last one year ;

(b) whether it is a fact that their is also Pakistani and Chinese involvement in this matter; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken by Government to curb the activities of the TNV extremists in this border State of Tripura ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) According to reports, Tripura (Tribal) National volunteers are operating from their bases across the border . The attention of Bangladesh Government was drawn to such reports. Bangladesh Government have denied existance of any such bases. As far as supply of highly sophisticated foreign arms by Bangladesh to TNV is concerned, nothing specific has been known to establish this report.

(b) Nothing definite has been established in this regard.

(c) The State Government has been requested to utilise provisions of the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1985 to curb the activities of extremists. Paramilitary forces have also been placed at the disposal of the State Government. A programme for strengthening the border outposts in the North-East has been approved. Vigil on the border has been steped up.

Disciplinary proceeding against Officers belonging to all India Services

245. DR. MOHD HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of disciplinary proceedings initiated against the Indian Administrative Service, Indian Police Service, Indian Foregin Service and other senior class officials of the Central Government in 1985;

(b) the number of cases referred to C.B.I. and the number amongst them who were charge-sheeted; and

(c) the number of cases where prosecutions were launched during the same period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected from each of the Ministries/Departments at the Centre and each of the State Governments, and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Draft Bill to amend Police Act of 1861

246. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred question 912 given in the Rajya Sabha on May, 9, 1985 and state :

(a) the number of State Government who have sent their views on the draft police Bill amending the police Act of 1861 as recommended by the National Police Commission and

(b) by when the said Bill is likely to be introduced in Parliament ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) Ten State Governments have sent their Views on the draft police Bill amending the Police Act of 1861.

(b) The question whether a Bill is to be introduced in the Parliament would be examined on receipt of views of all the State Governments.